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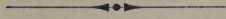
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OFFICERS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON, 1890.

Town Clerk.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.*

ARTHUR L. COBURN. HENRY J. JENNISON.
FRANCIS BLAKE.

Assessors.*

ALONZO S. FISKE. FRANK H. UPHAM.
MARCUS M. FISKE.

School Committee.*

FRANK H. UPHAM, 3 years. THE REV. CHARLES F. RUSSEL
2 years. NAHUM SMITH, 1 year.

Trustees of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor.*

GEORGE W. CUTTING, 3 years. EDWARD COBURN, 3 years
HENRY J. WHITE, 3 years.

Treasurer and Collector.*

HENRY J. WHITE.

Auditor.* †

HERMAN A. TRAIN.

Library Committee.*

ELIZABETH S. GOWING, 3 years. OLIVER R. ROBBINS, 2 years.
HORACE S. SEARS, 1 year.

Library Treasurer.*

HENRY J. WHITE.

* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Appointed by the Selectmen.

Burial Ground Committee.*

LUTHER F. UPHAM, 3 years. EDWARD COBURN, 2 years.
 GEORGE E. HOBBS, 1 year.

Road Commissioners.*

MARSHALL L. UPHAM, 3 years. THOMAS E. COBURN, 2 years.
 BENJAMIN F. CUTTER, 1 year.

Committee on Street Lights.*

HORACE S. SEARS. ALONZO S. FISKE.
 HENRY L. BROWN.

Public Weigher.†

GEORGE W. CUTTING.

Measurers of Wood and Bark.*

District No. 1. GEORGE W. CUTTING.
 " No. 1. MERRILL FRENCH.
 " No. 2. EDWARD E. BROWN.
 " No. 3. GEORGE W. DUNN.
 " No. 4. DANIEL GARFIELD.
 " No. 4. ALFRED L. CUTTING.
 " No. 5. CHARLES S. CUTTER.
 " No. 6. HORACE LEADBETTER.

Surveyors of Lumber.*

DANIEL SMITH. DANIEL GARFIELD.
 BENJAMIN F. CUTTER.

Sealer of Weights and Measures.†

DANIEL SMITH.

Fence Viewers.*

NATHAN BARKER. SAMUEL F. CLARK.
 HENRY J. JENNISON.

Field Drivers.*

ARTHUR B. NIMS. ALLEN S. MOORE.

Pound Keeper.*

NATHAN BARKER, JR.

* Elected at the Annual Meeting.

† Appointed by the Selectmen.

Constables.*

NATHAN BARKER, JR. NATHAN S. FISKE.
 MERRILL FRENCH. FRANK H. GOWELL.
 JAMES M. SMITH.

Special Police Officers.†

WILLIAM H. MEAD. WILLIAM SEAVER.

Forest Fire Wards.†

CHARLES A. WARREN. CHARLES EMERSON.
 THOMAS E. COBURN.

Board of Health.*

FRED. W. JACKSON, M. D. OLIVER R. ROBBINS.
 EDWARD COBURN.

Undertaker.†

FRANK H. UPHAM.

Registrars of Voters.†

JUSTIN E. GALE, DEM. Term expires May 1, 1891
 ARTHUR S. BURRAGE, REP. Term expires May 1, 1892
 ANDREW FISKE, DEM. Term expires May 1, 1893
 The Town Clerk (*ex officio*).

Inspectors of Elections.†

REP. EDWARD COBURN	<i>Inspector.</i>
HENRY L. BROWN	<i>Deputy.</i>
DEM. EDWARD FISKE	<i>Inspector.</i>
F. D. PERRY	<i>Deputy.</i>

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ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 23, 1891.

WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
MIDDLESEX, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Weston,
GREETING : —

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the said town qualified by law to vote in election and in town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday the twenty-third day of March current at one of the clock, in the afternoon, for the following purposes, to wit : —

First. To choose a Moderator.

Second. To choose the usual town officers for the ensuing year.

Third. To vote on a separate ballot "Yes," or "No," in answer to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Fourth. To hear and act upon the reports of town officers and committees.

Fifth. To fix the compensation of the Treasurer and Collector of Taxes.

Sixth. To approve, ratify and confirm the acts of Herman A. Train as Auditor, from Oct. 4 to Dec. 13, 1890.

Seventh. To accept the new location of that portion of Summer Street, adjacent to the Cambridge Water Works, as

laid out by the Road Commissioners of Weston, in co-operation with the Engineers of the City of Cambridge.

Eighth. To accept a portion of Glen Road as laid out by the Road Commissioners; and to appropriate money for work thereon.

Ninth. To consider the re-establishment of Loring Place, from River to Summer Streets, as a town way, the same having been discontinued by a vote of the town several years ago.

Tenth. To appropriate money for continuing work on Central Avenue as laid out by the County Commissioners.

Eleventh. To accept the list of jurors, as revised by the Selectmen, and posted according to law.

Twelfth. To adopt a town seal.

Thirteenth. To consider the matter of making provisions concerning habitual truants in accordance with Chap. 48, Sects. 10 to 17 (inclusive), of the Public Statutes.

Fourteenth. To consider the matter of an increase in the schoolhouse accommodations for District No. 4.

Fifteenth. To see if the Town will grant money for the tuition of children living on the outskirts of the town; or act anything relative thereto.

Sixteenth. To consider what further action shall be taken with regard to protection against fire; and to dispose of the unexpended appropriation therefor.

Seventeenth. To see if the Town will revoke its acceptance of Chap. 158 of the Statutes of the year 1871, and of sections 74, 75, 76 and 77 of Chap. 27 of the Public Statutes of this Commonwealth, and abolish the Board of Road Commissioners of the town.

Eighteenth. To see if the Town will choose a Surveyor of Highways who shall serve during the coming year, and until another is chosen and qualified in his place.

Nineteenth. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary for all or any of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles, or as may be required to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year; and especially to act upon all the appropriations asked for or proposed by the Selectmen, or by any town officers or committees in their reports.

And you are to serve this warrant by posting three attested copies thereof, according to the vote of the Town, viz: At the Town Hall, at the Methodist Church, and on the guide post near the house of Benjamin F. Cutter, seven days at the least before the time appointed for said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Selectmen at the time and place appointed for said meeting.

Given under our hands this ninth day of March, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one.

ARTHUR L. COBURN,
HENRY J. JENNISON,
FRANCIS BLAKE,
Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT FOR 1890.

BIRTHS.

Total number of births registered in town during the year 1890, 25 ; males, 8 ; females, 11 ; American parentage, 12 ; foreign, 5 ; American and foreign, 2.

Dennis Anthony Sheehan	.	.	.	.	Jan.	9
Sumner Pingree Davis	.	.	.	.	Feb.	20
Louise Burke	.	.	.	.	Mar.	27
Warren Erle Jennings	.	.	.	.	"	27
Hattie Marion Trask	.	.	.	.	April	29
Bertha May Bowman	.	.	.	.	May	5
Ruth Newton Cooper	.	.	.	.	"	10
Edward Connell Dooley	.	.	.	.	"	17
Herbert Dodge	.	.	.	.	June	1
— Thrasher	.	.	.	.	July	8
Jeremiah Hennesey	.	.	.	.	"	12
Grace Evelyn Reilly	.	.	.	.	"	23
Mary Theresa Corrigan	.	.	.	.	"	27
Lucy Elizabeth Smith	.	.	.	.	Aug.	11
— Hubbard	.	.	.	.	"	18
Mary Ellen Irving	.	.	.	.	Sept.	9
Ellen Elizabeth Montague	.	.	.	.	"	13
Bessie Josephine Nims	.	.	.	.	"	29
Elizabeth Batchelder	.	.	.	.	Dec.	10

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage certificates issued, 14; marriages registered, 12; parties native born, 16; foreign, 8; natives of the town, 6; age of the youngest groom, 21; oldest, 35; youngest bride, 17; oldest, 27.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered this year was 22; males, 11; females, 11.

Condition: Married, 9; single, 8; widowed, 5.

Name, age and condition of persons deceased aged seventy years and upwards:—

	Years.	Months.	Days.
Edward A. Porter, married . . .	78	7	11
William M. Roberts, married . . .	80	10	26
Lydia Miner, widow	82	6	0
Emily Weston, widow	84	2	10
Nathaniel L. Sibley, married . . .	84	11	0
Allen Fisher, widowed	92	5	28

Number deceased under 1 year is	6
“ “ between 1 and 5 years	1
“ “ “ 5 “ 10 “	1
“ “ “ 10 “ 20 “	0
“ “ “ 20 “ 30 “	0
“ “ “ 30 “ 40 “	1
“ “ “ 40 “ 50 “	3
“ “ “ 50 “ 60 “	1
“ “ “ 60 “ 70 “	3
Total	22

CAUSE OF DEATH.

Diphtheria, 1; Pulmonary Phthisis, 2; Capillary Bronchitis, Marasmus, 1; Sarcoma, 1; Old Age, 3; Membranous Croup, 1; Stillbirth, 1; Heart Failure, Dysenterrhoid Diarrhœa, 1; Pertussis Pneumonia, 1; Cancer, 1; Asphyxia from Drowning, 1; Hydrocephalus, 1; Cholera Morbus, Senile Debility, 1; General Paralysis, 1; Heart Failure, Ovarian Tumor, 1; Pneumonia, 1; Cirrhosis of Liver, Cardiac Hypertrophy, Ascites, 1; Cerebral Congestion, 1; cause of death not returned, 1.

There were two deaths in January, two in March, one in April, three in June, five in July, one in August, two in September, three in October, one in November, two in December.

The number of dogs licensed was	131
Amount received for licensing	\$330 00
115 Male dogs at \$2.00 each	\$230 00
15 Female dogs at \$5.00 each	75 00
1 " special	25 00
Total	<hr/> \$330 00
Deduct fees for licenses	26 20
Paid County Treasurer as per his receipts	<hr/> \$303 80

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk.

REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN AND OVER-SEERS OF THE POOR.

The Selectmen have the honor to submit the following report for the fiscal year ending Feb. 28, 1891. In the preparation of this report it is their purpose to give a succinct account of the various matters upon which they have acted during the year, to the end that each voter may come to the annual meeting prepared to exercise an intelligent criticism of their acts.

It is also their purpose to make such suggestions, with reference to future legislation on important subjects, as they think it will be to the advantage of the town to adopt.

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The Board organized, at a special meeting held March 24, 1890, by the choice of Mr. Arthur L. Coburn as Chairman, and Mr. Francis Blake, Clerk. During the year the Board have held twelve stated and ten special meetings, and have given two public hearings.

At the outset it was evident that the long-established custom of holding stated meetings of the Board on the last Saturday of the month interfered seriously with a proper conduct of the financial affairs of the town. On March 29, 1890, it was therefore voted that:—

"In May, and until further notice, the regular monthly

meeting will be held on the second Saturday of each month, at 7.30 o'clock P. M.

"All bills against the town must be presented to the Auditor on or before the fifth of the month. Any bill presented after the fifth of the month will not be acted upon until the following month."

Under this arrangement the Auditor and the Board have been able to discharge their financial duties with method and accuracy.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following table gives the amounts of the appropriations for the past year and the amounts recommended for next year:—

	1890. Appropriated.	1891. Recommended.
1. Highways	\$5,000	\$5,000
2. Schools	5,400	5,700
3. School incidentals	1,500	1,500
4. Text books	500	400
5. Town incidentals	1,200	1,200
6. Salaries of Town Officers .	1,600	1,600
7. Street lights	800	800
8. Town records	—	550
9. Support of poor	1,200	1,000
10. Cemeteries	800	1,000
11. Discounts and abatements,	800	800
12. Interest on Town debt .	1,000	800
13. Decoration Day	75	—
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	\$19,875	\$20,350

JURY LIST.

The following list of names has been prepared and posted in accordance with the provision of the Public Statutes, and will be reported at the next Annual Meeting, to be placed in the jury box, subject to the revision of the Town : —

Amri Barker.	Isaac O. Lovewell.
Emery L. Bemis.	Oliver R. Robbins.
Christopher H. Bryden.	Henry G. Russell.
Everett O. Clark.	Daniel Smith.
William C. Cooper.	Francis B. Ripley.
Hosea F. Davis.	T. Coburn Richardson.
John S. Fuller.	Augustus M. Upham.
Daniel Garfield.	Luther F. Upham.
William N. Gowell.	Nathan E. Upham.
Horace P. Heard.	Charles H. Upham.
Edward Leadbetter.	Samuel H. Warren.

APPOINTMENTS.

Besides the appointment of sixteen Enginemen, mentioned in this report under the heading of Fires and Fire Organizations, the Board have, under the provisions of the Public Statutes, made the following appointments during the year : —

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Daniel Smith.

UNDERTAKER.

Frank H. Upham.

FOREST FIRE WARDS.

Charles A. Warren.

Charles Emerson.

Thomas E. Coburn.

PUBLIC WEIGHER.

George W. Cutting.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS.

William H. Mead.

William Seaver.

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS.

Andrew Fiske, Democrat, 3 years, from May 1, 1890.

Arthur S. Burrage, Republican, 2 years, from May 1, 1890.

Justin E. Gale, Democrat, 1 year, from May 1, 1890.

INSPECTORS OF ELECTIONS.

Edward Coburn, Republican, Inspector.

Henry L. Brown, " Deputy.

Edward Fiske, Democrat, Inspector.

F. D. Perry, " Deputy.

AUDITOR.

Herman A. Train.

As Mr. Train was chosen Auditor at the last Annual Meeting, it is proper that an explanation should accompany the record of his subsequent appointment to that office by the Selectmen. The following extract from the records of the Board will make the matter clear: —

On Dec. 13, 1890, it was "*Voted*, Whereas, Herman A. Train was, at the last Annual Meeting, chosen Auditor, and duly qualified as such; and whereas, under Chap. 221, Statutes of 1888, no person chosen Auditor shall hold any other town office; and whereas, at a special town meeting, held Oct. 4, 1890, said Train, in the absence of the Town Clerk, was duly elected and sworn as Town Clerk, *pro tem*—

pore, and served as such ; and whereas, by the common law, when two offices are incompatible with each other, the acceptance of the second office is, in law, an implied resignation of the first ; now, therefore, we consider that the office of Auditor is vacant.

“ Under the provisions of Chap. 254, Statutes of 1890, we hereby appoint Herman A. Train, of Weston, Auditor, to serve until the next Annual Meeting.”

Mr. Train took the usual oath of office immediately after his appointment. As he discharged all the duties of Auditor from Oct. 4 to Dec. 13, 1890, the Board recommend that his acts as such be approved, ratified and confirmed by the Town, as provided in Art. 6 of the warrant for the next Annual Meeting.

ACCOUNTS OF TOWN TREASURER.

In accordance with the provisions of Art. 13 of the Town By-Laws, the Board have twice during the year made a thorough examination of the accounts of the Town Treasurer and the condition of the treasury.

In the course of these examinations all payments made by the Treasurer were verified by reference to approved vouchers or endorsed cheques. The receipts from taxes were verified by references to the Assessors' tax warrants. The bank account was found to agree with the pass-book, after making allowances for outstanding cheques ; and, in general, all moneys in charge of Mr. Henry J. White as Town Treasurer and Collector, Library Treasurer, and Treasurer of the Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor, were properly accounted for.

TOWN RECORDS.

During the year the Board have given much attention to the performance of the duties imposed upon them by the Public Statutes, relating to the collection and preservation of town records.

Several chests, trunks, and boxes of records of all kinds have been collected from former and present officers of the town. These, together with such records as were already in possession of the Town Clerk, have been entrusted to Miss M. F. Peirce for classification and arrangement. In this work and in the restoration of such papers as are in bad condition by reason of age, careless handling, and the ravages of vermin, Miss Peirce has shown rare skill, patience, and interest.

The records and documents now in possession of the town cover fairly well the period from 1754 to date; but, unfortunately, there are among them but a few records or documents relating to town affairs from 1712 to 1754, — a period of the greatest historical interest. There are good grounds for the assumption that the missing papers are to-day stowed away in the attics of the descendants of former officers of the town.

In order to stimulate a search which may lead to their recovery, the Board recommend that they be authorized to offer a substantial reward for the return of Vol. I. of the Town Records, from 1712 to 1754, and minor rewards for the return of any other records or documents relating to the early history of the town.

Among the documents recently examined, is a map of Weston made by Jonathan Kingsbury, Jr., from surveys made in 1785, 1794, 1795 and 1796. As the information which this map conveys, with regard to the Weston of a

hundred years ago, cannot fail to be of great interest to its inhabitants of to-day, it has been thought best to have a reproduction of a certified copy thereof annexed to this report.

The reproduction has been made by the heliotype process, and is seven tenths the size of the original plan.

It is believed that ultimately a general interest in the history of the town will lead to the publication of its records; and it is suggested that whoever has any public or private papers of historical value can best ensure their preservation by depositing them with the Town Clerk.

Several years ago a copy of the Weston records of births, marriages, deaths, etc., from 1712 to 1849, was made by Mr. Frank W. Bigelow. Mr. Bigelow's manuscript is beautifully executed, and has been by him carefully compared with the original records; but it can have no legal value until it is certified by the Town Clerk.

The Town has already made a substantial expenditure for Mr. Bigelow's copy, and it seems to be important that it should receive the necessary certification as soon as possible; but, as the Town Clerk cannot fairly be called upon to undertake this task under the annual appropriation for his current duties, the Board recommend that they be authorized to expend for this purpose from the appropriation for town records such a sum as they may deem proper.

Full information with reference to the town records is contained in the subjoined report submitted to the Board by Miss Peirce:—

To the Selectmen of Weston:—

GENTLEMEN, —At your request, I have made a partial examination of the records of Weston. I was first asked to examine the contents of an old chest, which had stood for over twenty years in the attic of the present Town Clerk. During that time the cover had been nailed

down; but, at some time previous, the files of papers had been greatly disarranged, and some had evidently been removed. The mice and the rain had also found entrance, and some papers were a good deal damaged. One of the most important of these is the tax list of 1776. This was once very handsomely written; but the work of destruction began upon it early, for a portion of it was taken the next year in order to write upon the back of the sheet "The Supplement to the Great Sheets of 1777, containing Non-residents." The names were probably cut off at the same time, for in the sheets of 1777 the names were cut off from one side and pasted on the other. These fragmentary sheets bear no date, but the color of the ink, which is red, and the handwriting, are the same as in the sheets of 1777. They were both probably the work of Joseph Russell, one of the Assessors for the years 1776 and 1777. The date cannot be earlier than 1776, because on one fragment, a foot square, is the heading "State Tax," and previous to that time Massachusetts was a province. This fragment is undoubtedly the beginning of the tax for the "North Side." The other part, more than three quarters of a yard in length, without date or heading, and destitute of a single name, is the "South Side" tax for 1776. These two I propose to exhibit at the coming town meeting. They will afterwards obtain a place reserved for them among the bound taxes. Had I thought it worth the time, I think that I could, by arithmetical calculation, have restored the missing names.

When the Selectmen's trunk was brought to the Town House, I was asked to examine that also. The papers, especially those of the later years, were in great confusion. Some of them belonged to the same period as those in the Town Clerk's chest, and there were others in the town safe covering the same years. It seemed desirable, therefore, that the work on the records should all be done by one person, and I consented to perform the work.

With one exception, to be spoken of hereafter, our oldest Book of Records begins Dec. 11, 1746, and continues from that date to March 4, adjourned to March 11, 1754, as a precinct record. From March 4, 1754, it is called the town record, and the precinct is no longer spoken of. Previous to these dates, Lincoln was a part of Weston. The precinct of Lincoln was separated from that of Weston, April 26, 1746. "The remaining part of said town of Weston" then became "an entire parish," and was, Nov. 19, 1746, incorporated under the name of the First Precinct. The legal form seems not to have been gone through with previously, although

Weston was, as a matter of fact, a precinct as early as 1698. The two precincts still formed the town of Weston, until, in May 13, 1754, Weston gave its consent to the incorporation of Lincoln as a town. Previous to these dates, Lincoln had neither town nor precinct records, but Weston had both, although they are now missing.

It may be well to state here some of the facts in regard to the incorporation of the town, so that we may be sure of the day we ought to celebrate as our anniversary. I mention this, because it has recently appeared in print under two different dates. This difference is owing to a change in the method of computing time. Before 1752, the year began in March, and January and February were reckoned the last two months of the previous year; December, as its name implies, being the tenth month. When January was made the first month, an addition of eleven days was made to the year, so that the date of Incorporation, Jan. 1, 1712, is now equivalent to Jan. 12, 1713. In like manner, every biographical dictionary says that George Washington was born Feb. 22, 1732, although the Family Bible contains a record in the hand writing of his father, "George Washington was born ye 11 day of February, 1731-2." In the oldest record book of the First Parish of Weston is an entry by Rev. William Williams: "Watertown Farms, made a distinct town, Jan. 1, 1712-13, and called Weston." In the Town Records of Watertown, Dec. 2, 1712, we find that the petition of the Farms was presented "as doth appear by a copy of the Record Book of said Farmers' Precinct, — that they may be set off, and be a distinct and separate township, according to the bounds granted as a Precinct." The record says that this was granted. This proves two things; viz., that Weston had not been made a town in Dec., 1712, and that there was at that time a record book of the precinct. Those of us who survive in Jan. 12, 1913, will endeavor to duly celebrate the bi-centennial of the town. In Dr. Kendal's century sermon, delivered Jan. 12, 1813, he gives at least thirty definite dates of transactions of the town of which there is now no record in the possession of the town. If these were obtained by him from the missing record book, it must have been in existence in 1813.

We are not, however, quite destitute of knowledge of that early period. I found a bundle of papers mixed up with those of much later date, bearing dates ranging from 1705 to 1727 inclusive. There were between fifty and sixty of these. Among them was a tax list of 1726. This was on four different sheets. These were dropping to pieces from mould, but I was able to recover all the names, since they were

the same on the four sheets. This gives us the names of all tax payers of the town for the year 1726, and is a valuable part of our history. From 1727 to 1757 there is not a single paper on file, and not a word of record previous to 1746, excepting something which I have previously alluded to. This is a small book, like a school writing-book, marked inside the cover, "Weston's Book of Records For Strays And Lost Goods, etc., 1717." This contains twenty pages down to 1765. Eight of these pages are between 1728 and 1746.

I have left the great bulk of papers unfiled, and have spent the most of my time upon the tax lists. We have these from 1761 to 1827 on loose sheets. There are also valuation or voting lists, beginning with 1757; also invoice books and sheets, together with orders from province, state and county, for the payment of taxes. All these I have gathered together, and have had them bound in six volumes, twenty-two inches by fifteen and a half. To prepare these for the binder required a vast amount of labor. The sheets were so folded that they could not be bound without including some part of the writing. To remedy this, every one had to be provided with a false back stitched to the sheet, and strengthened with paper pasted over each seam. Every loose paper also was pasted to a separate piece of paper before placing it in the book. Over twenty yards of cloth were used for the lists from 1761 to 1773. Those of a later date, being written on both sides, required a different method. There is a break in the record from 1782 to 1789. The only list for 1782 is the "War Treasurer's List for the North Side, delivered to Josiah Biglow, one of the Constables of Weston." It required thirty strips of adhesive paper to repair this. It had been in the possession of the Bigelow family for over a hundred years; but at my request, the owner, Mr. Frank W. Bigelow, gave it to me to place among the other tax lists. I hope that other holders of town papers will follow so worthy an example, and will place them in the archives of the town.

Files of our town and school reports are called for by the Commissioners of Records and by the State Librarian. We have not ourselves a complete list of these. Copies are desired of the earlier reports, 1843, etc.

I must not omit to mention the finding of the town map, made from a survey taken in the year 1794, and showing the location of every house then in the town. The bill for this and for a small one bearing the same date, now in the State House, amounting to thirty pounds, is still on file. A copy of this map has been placed in the

Town Report for the present year. Another map, made in 1830, belonging to the town, is now in private hands.

Before I began the examination of these records, I asked one of the oldest officers of the town if there was any plan of the line between Weston and Wayland. He said that he did not know of any. In the safe I found two, made in 1861. As these two are exactly alike, I presume that it was intended that Wayland should have one of them.

In the Town Record Book, page 94, under date of 1771, I found the following entry, "Capt. Bradyll Smith, for a chest for the town's use, thirteen shillings and four pence." This is the chest which has so long guarded the records, and which is now standing in the Treasurer's room. I trust that its antiquity and its quaintness will long preserve it from destruction.

In 1784, it was ordered that the Treasurer should keep his accounts separate from the other records of the town; also that the Selectmen provide a book and keep an account of their contracts, orders, etc. Accordingly, from 1784, the accounts of the Treasurer are kept in a separate book. But the first Selectmen's book begins April 18, 1796. If there was an earlier one, it has been lost.

We have quite a list of blue books, beginning with 1750. Many of them are rare, and therefore valuable. Among the interesting printed sheets is a proclamation by Gov. Hutchinson "for the encouragement of Piety and Virtue," issued on the twenty-fifth day of March, 1771. This ends with "God save the King." The last word of the phrase is printed in slightly larger letters than the first.

In view of the fact that many of our records have in some way been removed from the custody of the proper town officers, it seems very desirable that the town should begin to print such records and papers as still remain to it. This will save the expense of copying them, which would otherwise some time be necessary, and will preserve the originals from the waste that comes from too frequent handling. Watertown, our mother town, is proposing to print one volume at once. Some other towns have done the same, and others will doubtless soon follow the same course.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MARY FRANCES PEIRCE.

TOWN SEAL.

In the conduct of town affairs, occasions frequently arise on which the use of a town seal would be a great convenience. For this and other reasons, the Board have thought best to have a suitable seal prepared, and herewith submit an impression thereof, with a recommendation that it be adopted as the seal of the town. The simplicity of its design will ensure a perfect mechanical reproduction of the seal in use, and its legends will forever make the public familiar with the three most important dates connected with the early history of the Town of Weston.

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

ALMSHOUSE.

As Overseers of the Poor, the Board at the beginning of the year devoted considerable time to effecting a new arrangement for the maintenance of the Almshouse.

An agreement between the Town of Weston, by its Board of Selectmen, and Mr. William H. Mead, was executed in

duplicate, under date of March 31, 1890. One copy thereof is on the document file of the Board.

The effect of the agreement is in general that the Town gives to said Mead a lease for one year of the "Poor Farm" and all property thereon, upon condition that he shall receive and properly care for all paupers sent there under the law, at the rate of \$75 per annum for each pauper; and that he shall, without charge, render such assistance to tramps as the law demands.

The agreement further provides that at the expiration of the lease, said Mead shall convey to the Town substantially the same property, real and personal, that he receives under the lease. An inventory of all personal property on the farm at date of agreement is attached thereto.

Under this arrangement, the Almshouse paupers have been well cared for during the year, with a substantial saving to the Town over its annual expenditure on this account for many years past.

As there is doubt as to the power of the Selectmen to execute leases of town property, it is recommended that, at the next annual meeting, a vote shall be passed giving them full power to execute leases of the Almshouse and land, buildings and other property connected therewith.

Following is a list of the paupers at the Almshouse during the year:—

NAME.	AGE.	ADMITTED.	DISCHARGED.
Mrs. Harriet Dudley	63 yrs.	March 1, 1884.	.
Mrs. John L. Seaverns	68 "	Dec. 22, 1885.	.
Joseph Seaverns .	50 "	Dec. 22, 1885.	.
Albert Leadbetter .	40 ? yrs.	June 25, 1890.	Nov. 22, 1890.

Present number of inmates, 3. Sixty-six tramps have been cared for during the year.

The receipts and expenditures at the almshouse during the year have been as follows :—

Cash on hand March 1, 1890	\$19 61
Cash received for sundries during March, 1890	123 26
Cash received from treasury	197 23
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Total receipts	\$340 10
Paid for sundries during March, 1890	\$132 54
Wm. H. Mead for board of inmates from April 1, 1890, to March 1, 1891	198 51
Wm. H. Mead for sundries	9 05
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Total expenditures.	\$340 10

OUTSIDE RELIEF.

Paid City of Waltham for aid rendered Mary Veno and family	\$197 93
City of Waltham for aid rendered Mary Veno and family	32 33
Mrs. Mary Veno	85 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, for care of Mrs. McMahan	78 92
J. Frank Bell, for care of Lorenzo Lead- better	7 50
Newell Smith, for care of Lorenzo Lead- better	13 50
Mrs. Thomas Parker, for care of Mrs. Susan Hall	30 00
Miss A. L. Bemis, for clothing for Mrs. Susan Hall	1 00
Overseers of Poor of Boston, for aid ren- dered Mrs. Mercy Seaverns	2 00
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Total	\$448 18

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Paid E. L. Bemis, for board of Sidney E. Rice . \$266 26

SUMMARY.

Expenditures on account Almshouse . . .	\$197 23
Expenditures on account Outside Relief . .	448 18
Expenditures on account Soldiers' Relief . .	206 26
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Total	\$851 67

Of the above expenditures, the sum of \$197.93 was for bills prior to March 1, 1890, and the sum of \$19 will be repaid by the city of Boston. The net expenditure by the town on account of the poor during the current year is therefore \$634.74.

PUBLIC HEARINGS.

ON THE APPLICATION OF JOHN SHEEHAN.

Pursuant to notice, on Saturday, Oct. 18, 1890, at their rooms in the Town Hall, the Selectmen gave a public hearing to all persons interested in the application of John Sheehan for a permit to slaughter cattle and other animals on his land on Concord Street, near the Lincoln Line.

The petitioner, through his counsel, George L. Mayberry, Esq., stated that he intended to do little or no slaughtering from May to October; that he was willing to have the Selectmen locate his proposed buildings, and from time to time make such restrictions as should preclude his business from being a nuisance to his neighbors; and, finally, that he fully realized that any expenditures he might make in the establishment of his business would be no bar to the

revocation of his permit whenever the Selectmen might deem it advisable to do so.

After considering the evidence offered at this hearing, the Board decided that the objections made to the grant of Mr. Sheehan's application would be fully met by a proper form of permit; and it was accordingly

Voted, To grant to John Sheehan permission to slaughter cattle on the premises now owned by him on Concord Street, adjoining the boundary line of the Town of Lincoln, provided such slaughtering be carried on in a building or buildings not nearer to said Concord Street than one thousand feet, subject to such regulations regarding slaughtering, as now and hereafter may be in force in the Town of Weston, and also subject to revocation at the pleasure of the Selectmen of said town.

ON THE APPLICATION OF H. V. PARTELOW & Co.

Pursuant to legal notice, as provided by Sections 40 and 41, Chap. 102 of the Public Statutes, on Saturday, Dec. 6, 1890, at the Southeast Schoolhouse, Weston, the Selectmen gave a public hearing to all persons interested in the matter of the application of H. V. Partelow & Co. for a license to establish additional steam power for use on their land at South Avenue Bridge, Weston.

One of the petitioners, with J. C. Kennedy, Esq., as counsel, appeared in favor of the granting of the license. Mr. Kennedy stated that his clients had tried unsuccessfully to obtain a suitable site for their business elsewhere; and that their business growth depended upon the grant of their petition.

Livingston Cushing, Esq., in the course of an extended argument in opposition to the grant of the petition, pre-

sented a formal remonstrance signed by thirteen residents of the town and two non-residents; also strong letters of remonstrance from two residents and three non-residents. Remarks as remonstrants were made by ten residents of the town.

The testimony of the remonstrants was in general to the effect that the business of the petitioners has been for several years a source of danger to all persons driving over South Avenue bridge; and that any increase of their business would be attended by a proportionate increase of the danger. It was also claimed by many of the remonstrants, that, in location and conduct, the business of the petitioner was a serious injury to the value of their estates, and a drawback to the future growth of the town as a place for country homes.

The Board, by their prior knowledge of the conduct of the business of the petitioners, and by the evidence presented at this hearing, were satisfied that the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the town demand that all possible legal obstruction should be made to the growth of the petitioner's business at its present location. The nature of their business is such that it cannot be carried on, even on its present scale, without damage to passers-by, by reason of frequent obstructions in the highway, escaping steam, and the noise of wood-working machinery.

The petitioners were, therefore, notified that they had leave to withdraw.

In connection with this subject, it is suggested that, if the present natural and municipal advantages of Weston are preserved, her future growth and prosperity must be largely due to the advent of persons seeking country homes in towns at a convenient distance from Boston. These advantages can be preserved only by a conduct of town affairs

which shall ensure a low tax rate and a non-existence of business enterprises, which are obnoxious to the pleasure of home life in the country. Having regard to these facts, it is hoped that land holders will make their sales subject to such restrictions as will favor the prosperity of the town.

FIRES AND FIRE ORGANIZATIONS.

Fires to an extraordinary number have occurred in the town during the year. A memorandum on the document file of the Board shows that, from April 21 to June 9, there were fifteen fires, which caused the destruction of about fifty acres of woodland, thirty-five cords of cut wood, and two barns.

All but two of these fires occurred in the north-west part of the town, and naturally great excitement prevailed among the inhabitants of that district.

It was generally believed that the fires were the work of an incendiary, and in response to petitions received, the Board, at a special meeting, offered a reward of \$500 for information which should lead to his arrest and conviction.

The Board also detailed the constables of the town to keep strict watch in the fire district for several days and nights. On May 31, a fire inquest was held by the Second District Court of Eastern Middlesex, at Waltham, Mr. Justice Luce sitting. The testimony there given showed beyond a reasonable doubt that the fires were of incendiary origin, but in the opinion of counsel, the evidence was not sufficient to warrant legal proceedings against any particular person as the culprit.

On Sept. 2, a special town meeting was held to see what action the town would take in regard to providing suitable fire apparatus for the town.

At this meeting a Committee on Fire Apparatus was appointed, and this committee, through its chairman, Mr. F. H. Hastings, made a report at an adjourned special town meeting, held Sept. 16.

At a special town meeting held Oct. 4, an appropriation was made to enable the Committee on Fire Apparatus to carry out such of their recommendations as related to the establishment of a hook and ladder truck, at a point on North Avenue, opposite the Hastings Organ Factory; and the equipment of said truck with a suitable number of chemical fire extinguishers. This apparatus having been installed by the Committee, the Board, on November 18, issued the following appointment:—

To Messrs. —

FRANK H. GOWELL.
HERBERT LEWIS.
A. L. BROWN.
C. L. BERRY.
NATHAN FISKE.
G. H. STEVENS.
THOS. V. ALCOCK.
WM. QUINN.

ROLAND RAND.
C. B. FLOYD.
WM. REILLEY.
JOHN N. GUTHRIE.
THOS. COBURN.
FRANCIS T. TOBIN.
J. S. BAMFORD.
ALFRED N. GARFIELD.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 35 of the Public Statutes, we hereby appoint you Engine-men for the manning of Hook and Ladder, No. 1, stationed on North Avenue, Weston, opposite the Hastings Organ Factory.

In your organization and conduct you will be subject to such provisions of the Public Statutes as legally apply thereto.

ARTHUR L. COBURN,
HENRY J. JENNISON,
FRANCIS BLAKE,

Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

WESTON, Nov. 18, 1890.

The Board have thought best to give the above account of the occurrences and acts which have led to the taking of the first steps toward the establishment of the Weston Fire Department.

They deem it their duty also to express their conviction that tax payers should not be assessed for an extension of this department to other sections of the town, until such time as there is a certainty that any additional apparatus will be manned by an organization of men possessed of the same intelligence and public spirit, as they are confident will be found in the members of Hook and Ladder Company, No. 1. A consideration of the subject must lead to the conclusion that, at the present time, in no other section of the town are permanently employed enough men for a similar organization; and it is an axiom with fire experts that apparatus without organization is useless.

OFFENCES AGAINST THE PUBLIC PEACE.

A regard for the future good name of the town, constrains the Board to mention certain disgraceful occurrences in the central district, during the year. An inoffensive citizen has been subjected to protracted persecution, and many of the acts connected therewith have involved serious danger to his life and person, as well as damage to the property of others.

In addition to those acts, there have been a number of minor offences, which have imperilled the safety and convenience of the general public; such as the destruction or removal of sign boards, the breaking of street lights, and the breaking or theft of lanterns displayed as danger signals by the Road Commissioners, during their work on Central Avenue.

It is not unlikely that some of these offences may have been committed by evil-disposed persons passing over our highways at night on their way from Waltham to neighboring towns; but without doubt most of these offences have been committed by residents of our own town. Should these acts continue, it will be necessary for the town to respond to the reasonable demands of its citizens for the protection of life and property. It is confidently believed, however, that sober thought on the part of the offenders, and exceptional vigilance on the part of all friends of good order, will make it unnecessary for the town to go to the expense of maintaining a paid police force.

MISCELLANEOUS.

By a vote of the town at the last annual meeting, the Selectmen were authorized to expend the sum of \$250 for the erection of a flag-staff in the public square at the centre of the town. A contract for this work was concluded, and it has been executed in a most satisfactory manner.

March 29, 1890, a license as auctioneer, for one year, was granted to Nathan Barker, Jr.

In compliance with a petition of the Board, dated Oct. 24, 1890, the Boston & Maine Railroad Company have established gates at the Church Street crossing, and a flag-man at the Concord Street crossing of the Central Massachusetts Railroad.

A further petition, under date of Jan. 10, 1891, that a special gate-tender shall be assigned to the Church Street crossing, and that more care shall be exercised in the conduct of freight business at that point, is still pending.

During the year the Board have received two petitions for the assessment of land damages in the matter of the reloca-

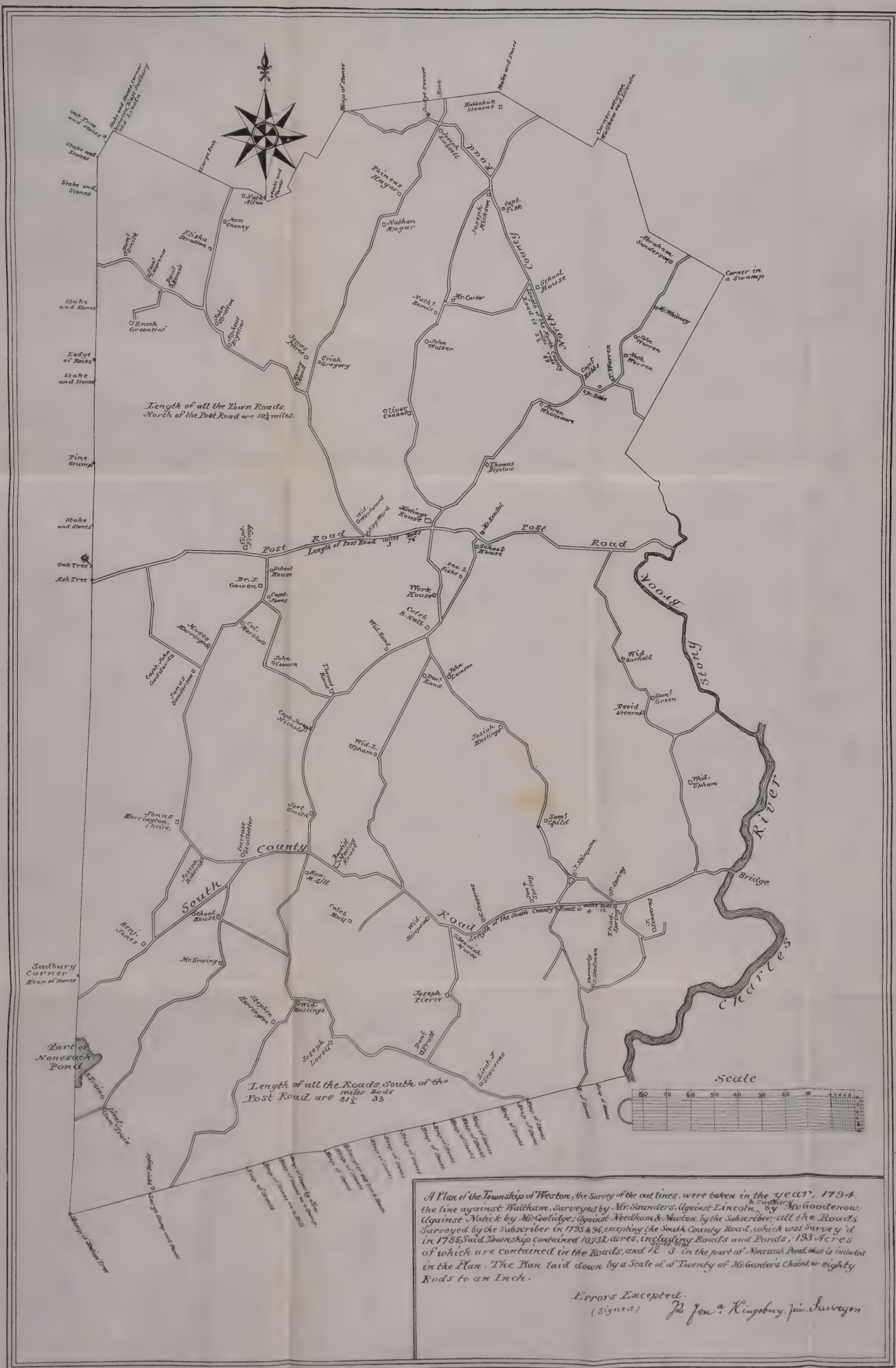
tion of East Newton Street by the County Commissioners. In each case a visit was made to the premises, and an award made which was satisfactory to the Board and the petitioners.

During the month of January a small hot-air furnace was placed in the cellar of the Town Hall for the purpose of heating the offices of the Selectmen and Treasurer, with a resulting increase in the healthfulness and comfort of these rooms.

ARTHUR L. COBURN,
HENRY J. JENNISON,
FRANCIS BLAKE,

Selectmen of the Town of Weston.

FEBRUARY 28, 1891.



This map was made by the Surveyor of the Township of Weston, in the Year 1794. The line against Waltham, Surveyed by Mr. Saunders. Against Lincoln, by Mr. Goodenow. Against Natick by Mr. Goodenow. Against Needham & Milton, by the Subscriber; all the Roads Surveyed by the Subscriber in 1793 & 96, excepting the South County Road, which was Surveyed in 1788; Said Township contained 10732 acres, including Roads and Ponds, 193 Acres of which are contained in the Roads, and 26 3/4 in the part of Nonesuch Pond, that is included in the Plan. The Bar laid down by a Scale of, or Twenty of Mr. Goodenow's Chain, or eighty Rods to an Inch.

Copied in office of Ernest M. Bowditch, Jan. 5th 1891.

A true copy Ernest M. Bowditch C.E.



ROAD COMMISSIONERS' REPORT.

The money appropriated for the highways at the annual meeting, has been expended on the several streets in town as follows: Brown Street, \$25; Ash Street, \$60; Bogle Street, \$10; Church Street, \$40; Chestnut Street, \$10; Central Avenue, \$3,719.42; Crescent Street, \$25; Elm Street, \$210; Concord Street, \$440; Forest Street, \$120; Glen Road, \$60; High Street, \$70; Loring Place, \$10; Lincoln Street, \$5; Merriam Street, \$85; Newton Street, \$50; North Avenue, \$700; Lexington Street, \$15; Oak Street, \$20; River Street, \$20; Summer Street, \$588; South Avenue, \$820; Sudbury Street, \$40; School Street, \$25; Wellesley Street, \$300; Winter Street, \$60. The balance of the money appropriated has been expended for covering stone, gravel, lumber, railings, blacksmith's bills, and other incidental expenses which will be found in the itemized report of the Auditor.

The amount the town specified to be spent on Elm Street has been expended in widening and grading that street; for this purpose it was much needed. The money designated to be used on Cherry Brook hill has been spent in filling up the foot of the hill, in laying the wall for a railing, also in grading the road.

One of the Selectmen, with the Road Commissioners, met the Cambridge Water Board and accepted the line as laid out by the engineer. There has been expended in laying a

retaining wall and grading the street, \$450. The Water Board have built a railing and made a sidewalk most of the way on their line, which greatly improves that end of the street.

The sum of \$2,000 was appropriated for East Newton Street, and out of this amount \$1,426.81 has been expended. The street has been graded the whole length but not finished, as the ground froze before the work could be completed; the money remaining, we think, will be sufficient to finish the street.

Out of the sum of \$5,000 for Central Avenue has been expended \$3,719.42.

The sum of \$200 intended for Glen Road has not been expended, as it was the opinion of the Road Commissioners that to raise more money and straighten the road by making a new one would be more advantageous to the town than to spend money on the old road as it now is. A petition to this effect has been sent to the Road Commissioners by the citizens of Wellesley and Weston. It has been surveyed and laid out, and will be brought before the town at the March meeting.

For general repairs on the highways we ask only the same amount of money as last year, but as quite a large sum must be spent on Central Avenue, we recommend that only such other work be done this year as can be paid for out of the regular money appropriated for highways, with the exception that Glen Road needs an appropriation of \$600.

Guideboards are maintained at the following places, viz. : corner of North Avenue and Lexington Street, North Avenue and Church Street, North Avenue and Forest Street, Concord and Merriam streets, North Avenue and Lincoln Street, Concord and Sudbury streets, Central Avenue and Concord Street, Central Avenue and School

Street, Central Avenue and Wellesley Street, Wellesley and Newton streets, Newton and Ash streets, South Avenue and Wellesley Street, South Avenue and East Newton Street, South Avenue and River Street, River Street and Loring Place, Winter and Brown streets.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. F. CUTTER,

MARSHALL L. UPHAM,

T. E. COBURN,

Road Commissioners of Weston.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

During the month of June the family of Mr. Frank Hines, who was employed as station agent for Fitchburg Railroad, were afflicted with diphtheria, three children being ill at one time. The station was not only occupied by Mr. Hines as a dwelling tenement, but also was used as a public building for passenger traffic. In view of the above facts, the Board, after careful consideration, deemed it wise and safe for the public to order the entire family to be removed to Weston Poor Farm (*not as paupers*), where isolation and good nursing by the matron could be effectually enforced. We are happy to state that all made an uninterrupted recovery. The building was condemned as a dwelling-house, privy vault cleaned out, and entire premises fumigated, all of which was heartily endorsed by railroad officials.

A few weeks later diphtheria made its appearance in the family of Mr. Roland Rand, who occupies the house of Mr. Abijah Gregory on North Avenue. Careful and diligent search revealed the fact that possibly a defective privy vault was at fault, which was immediately remedied; under the direction of the Board, fumigation of the house was effectually carried out. No further reported cases of diphtheria have been received by the Board to date.

Two or three cases of sporadic typhoid fever were reported. It was established beyond cavil that they all had their origin outside of Weston territorial limits, certainly due to contaminated water supply by the typhus bacilli fever germs. In one instance the privy vault was only twelve feet distant from the well from which the family obtained their

water supply. Typhoid fever had prevailed in this family nearly every autumn for the past twenty years. It therefore behooves all citizens of this community to guard with a jealous eye their wells or other sources from which they obtain their drinking water, as authenticated cases have been reported where water contaminated twelve to eighteen years previous, when used for drinking water had developed typhus fever. Two samples of suspected well water have been submitted for analysis; in neither case did it prove unfit for domestic purposes.

The germ theory of disease has been tolerably well established by the recent investigations and discussions of Dr. Koch, and it has been well known for a long time past that there are few ways in which disease can be so readily extended as through the medium of milk. Therefore, milk and milk products of cows suffering from tuberculosis, are dangerous to health, and cannot safely be consumed. It has been proved that quite a number of the cows from which we obtain our milk supply are subject to tuberculosis, and during the past year two public-spirited gentlemen of Weston have taken active measures to eradicate the disease, one, especially, has had his whole herd killed, and careful autopsies by local veterinarians have proved the animals to be tuberculous.

Only one case of scarlet fever has been reported, and that of recent date; all necessary precautions were adopted by the physician in charge.

Total number of deaths registered in town during the year 1890, 22.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Diphtheria	1	Cholera morbus, senile	
Pulmonary phthisis	2	debility	1
Capillary bronchitis, ma-		General paralysis	1
rasmus	1	Sarcoma	1

Old age	3	Hydrocephalus	1
Heart failure, ovarian tumor	1	Pneumonia	1
Membraneous croup	1	Cirrhosis of liver, cardiac hypertrophy, ascites	1
Still birth	1	Cerebral congestion	1
Heart failure, dysenteric diarrhoea	1	Cause of death not returned	1
Pertussis, pneumonia	1		—
Cancer	1	Total	22
Asphyxia from drowning	1		
Annual rate for 1,000			12.56
Not including still birth			1

No manufacturing or other business giving rise to noisome or offensive odor, or which may otherwise be injurious to the estates of the inhabitants, shall be established or continued within town limits, except in such location and under such regulation as the Board of Health shall assign.

EDWARD COBURN.

O. R. ROBBINS.

F. W. JACKSON.

The Board of Health of a town shall from time to time assign certain places for the exercise of any trade or employment which is a nuisance or hurtful to the inhabitants, or dangerous to the public health, or the exercise of which is attended by noisome and injurious odors, or is otherwise injurious to their estates, and may prohibit the exercise of such trade or employment in places not so assigned; the board may also forbid such exercise within the limits of the town or in any particular locality thereof. All such assignments shall be entered in the records of the town, and may be revoked when the board shall think proper. — Chap. 80, Sect. 84, of the Public Statutes.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES.

The Trustees of Cemeteries submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1891 :—

The usual work of keeping the cemeteries in order has been done, also have repaired a part of the avenues by regravelling the same. In calling for a larger appropriation last year, it was the intention of your Trustees to replace a part of the wooden fence on the easterly side of Linwood Avenue with a stone wall, but was unable to do so.

The condition of the fence on the southerly side of Linwood cemetery and on Linwood Avenue is such as to call for rebuilding the coming season.

There have been 8 lots sold in Linwood cemetery the past year, making in all, 57.

RECEIPTS.

Cash received for eight burial lots	\$169 00
“ “ “ Grass	5 00
“ “ “ Wood	8 00
“ “ “ Care of lots	6 00
Appropriated	800 00
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EXPENDITURES.

1890.

May.	Cash paid L. F. Upham, labor and items per bill . . .	\$61 22
"	R. T. Stuart, labor . . .	15 75
June.	R. T. Stuart, labor . . .	20 19
"	L. F. Upham, labor . . .	26 75
"	B. Pierce, labor . . .	12 77
"	A. B. Nims, grass-seed, fertil- izer and tools . . .	9 90
Aug.	H. Seaverns, plants . . .	10 00
"	R. T. Stuart, labor . . .	31 50
Sept.	E. L. Bemis, labor . . .	46 22
Oct.	F. W. Upham, copying plan and making blue print . . .	6 00
Nov.	J. Poutas, stone posts . . .	49 00

1891.

Jan.	B. Pierce, labor . . .	12 07
Feb.	F. A. Robinson, pump and setting the same . . .	8 53
"	C. L. Keefe, fertilizer . . .	1 75
"	L. F. Upham, labor and items as per bill . . .	61 54

Amount of expenses . . .	\$373 19
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Balance unexpended . . .	\$614 81
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Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD COBURN,

L. F. UPHAM,

Trustees.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

NAHUM SMITH, <i>Chairman</i> . . .	Term expires March, 1891
The Rev. CHARLES F. RUSSELL, " " "	1892
F. H. UPHAM, <i>Secretary</i> . . .	" " " 1893

SUB-COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND REPAIRS.

F. H. Upham.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON TEXT-BOOKS AND COURSE OF STUDY.

Nahum Smith, the Rev. Charles F. Russell.

HIGH SCHOOL.

BENJ. T. HURD, *Principal*.

Miss LIZZIE WHITE, *Assistant, Spring Term*.

Miss CLEMENTINE A. SHELDON, *Assistant, Fall and Winter Term*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . .	34
Average attendance	27
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age	25

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss M. EVA WARREN, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled . . .	46
Average attendance	40
Number of scholars over fifteen years of age	3
" " under twelve years . . .	15

EAST CENTRE SCHOOL. — No. 1.

Miss SUSIE E. CUTTER, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	.	.	25
Average attendance	.	.	.

WEST CENTRE SCHOOL.—No. 2.

MISS LURA A. DUNN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	17
Average attendance	13

Perfect in school attendance for the year: Charles E. Wark.

NORTH-WEST SCHOOL — No. 3.

Miss LIZZIE T. DUNN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	19
Average attendance	15

Perfect in attendance for two years: Bessie Stratton.

Perfect in attendance for one year: Nellie Fuller.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL—No. 4.

Miss ANN'A COBURN, *Teacher.*

Whole number of scholars enrolled	53
Average attendance	42

Perfect in attendance for six terms : Sadie M. Cutting.

For four terms : Josephine M. Stevens.

For three terms :

Minora L. Brown, Albert C. Coburn,
William T. Brady.

NORTH-EAST SCHOOL. — No. 5.

Miss LIZZIE S. VILES, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled	39
Average attendance	33

Perfect in attendance for the year :

James Looby, Robert White,
Charles Jennings.

SOUTH-WEST SCHOOL, — No. 6.

Miss. AGNES PARKER, *Teacher*.

Whole number of scholars enrolled	16
Average attendance	12

Perfect in attendance for the year, Annie Shaw.

As regards the school buildings of the town, your committee would report, that during the long vacation the primary schoolhouses and the high schoolhouse were in some measure repaired, and the walls colored; that the grammar room in the high schoolhouse has since been provided with a system of ventilation in accord with the instruction of the Inspector of the District Police.

None of the primary schoolhouses are in first-class condition, one or more must be shingled this present year, and all of them have seen their best days.

This being so, your committee has less hesitancy in stating that the time has come when the Town must consider whether or no it will erect a new schoolhouse in District No. 4. The increased population of that district has caused an increase in school attendance, and has made necessary the employment of an assistant teacher. School

attendance in this district will, without doubt, further increase. The present schoolhouse is totally unfitted for the use of more than one teacher. Your committee therefore recommend that the Town consider if it will erect a new schoolhouse in District No. 4. If the Town thinks best to do this, your committee further recommend that the building be constructed so as to make it possible that the grammar or intermediate work of the school course of District No. 4 may be completed therein.

There has been no change of teachers in the primary schools. The work in these schools has been satisfactory.

The number of scholars enrolled in the grammar school at the beginning of the school year was forty-six. This not only made necessary the reseating of the room, but also the providing of assistance for the grammar school teachers. This was effected by having the principal of the high school and his assistant divide the work of teaching the highest class in the grammar school with the grammar school teachers.

The class thus taught has not done as well as was hoped, and next year — the number of scholars being somewhat reduced — the hours of work in the grammar school will be so increased as to have both classes wholly in the care of the grammar school teachers, and better results are looked for.

Your committee are obliged to state that again there has been no graduating class. It is certainly not easy to say why. So far as the difficulty is with the committee or with the teachers, the committee will do its best to remove it.

On the other hand, the committee feel sure that the trouble is not altogether with them or the administration of the schools. It lies somewhat with the citizens of the town. There does not seem to be a high ideal of education

in our community, — children are not required, not advised, and in some cases not even permitted, to take advantage of the opportunities for education that the schools offer.

The last years of education are of many times the importance of the first years. A scholar of eighteen acquires much more information that will be helpful in practical life, in a year, than in many times that period at an earlier age. Just as our scholars are fitted to do the best work, they leave school. When our young folks are so matured as to be strong enough to make good use of their bodies, then are they best able to use their minds.

Your Committee feel that parents wrong their children by permitting them to abandon school life as early as they do. The fate of the nation is bound up with that of the common schools. When the interest in education fails, then will our liberty begin to decay. Let us strive to arrest such a lack of interest in our town.

The late action of the Alumni of the High School in appointing a committee to deepen the interest in the best education in this community is a movement that encourages your Committee.

During the next year weekly reports will be sent parents of the progress of their children. It is hoped that this will arouse attention to what is being done in the schools. To both music and drawing will be given more time during the next year.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE APPROPRIATION.

WESTON, Sept. 16, 1890.

The Committee on Fire Appropriation report as follows : —

That they have conferred with various practical men, fire experts, and others, and have agreed on the importance of a reasonable expenditure for such simple apparatus as could be made best available in our town, dividing this apparatus according to the needs of the three principal sections. The Committee also agree on the importance — the prime importance — of individual precaution and effort to protect against fire ; to the use in our houses, barns, and stables, of the simplest means of extinguishing fires at the start ; by special fire buckets filled ready for instant use, by inexpensive Johnson pumps with which to reach an igniting roof, or creeping flames within plastered walls, or under floors ; by the chemical fire-extinguishing pails costing but one and one half dollars each, — more effective than ten pailfuls of water, and far less injurious to carpets, furniture, and ceilings ; and, better than all else, hand extinguishers which can be had for eleven dollars to thirty dollars each, according to size and kind. The larger ones are equal in efficiency to thirty pailfuls of water — easily carried, can be used by a woman or by a boy, and will throw a forceful stream of gas and water, harmless to house, furniture, and person, and always ready.

With some one of these simple things in every house, we become a "Fire Protective Association" ; our pail, pump, or

extinguisher, is not alone for our own safety, but to aid our neighbor for instant use at first alarm.

There is a little "House Fire Protective Association" in the town of Wakefield, supported by a special appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars a year. The town clerk of Wakefield has sent to us the following statement:—

"For the first year it stopped sixteen out of seventeen fires, and cost one hundred and five dollars; the second year it stopped ten out of eleven fires at a cost of forty-five dollars; and the third year sixteen out of seventeen, at a cost of one hundred and twenty dollars."

All this shows that *simple* means *speedily used* are in most cases sufficient, and your committee earnestly urge this "individual protection" and unorganized co-operation as first important.

But, after a fire has started, and has got beyond control from these simple means, we must have organized effort and more efficient means,—yet in this we must consider that *promptness* is the first requisite. A simple equipment that may be promptly available, and a simple organization of workers drilled to act quickly and intelligently, are what we need most. These are within our reach. All our advisers unite in saying that proper ladders, hooks, pikes, axes, buckets, hand pumps, and hand chemical extinguishers, conveniently arranged on a one-horse truck, are the first needs of village firemen, and they must have these whatever else they have, and with these they can do good work and successfully fight a *fresh* fire under fair conditions.

They may not save a large building after it is all ablaze, but they can protect adjoining buildings—hence the committee advise, as of *second* importance, three simple one-horse fire trucks, suitably equipped, to be placed in the three principal sections of the town whenever these sections, one or all,

shall organize in each a fire company of not less than ten suitable persons approved by the Selectmen, and can provide housing and care for the apparatus at reasonable cost and at the town's expense.

The *third* recommendation of your committee is to provide a chemical engine to be placed near the *Town Hall*, of such size and kind as may be hereafter found most desirable, and at such time as a small company may be organized to work it. The committee learn from all sources, that in places where the fire is not too remote, three quarters or more of them are put out by chemical engines. (See statement of the chief engineer of Lawrence) :—

LAWRENCE, MASS., March 22, 1889.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER MANUFACTURING COMPANY :—

Gentlemen,—This city purchased its first chemical engine in 1880, and it is as good a machine as it was when new, and in 1887 we purchased a chemical and salvage wagon combined, which we consider the most valuable piece of apparatus we ever owned.

I can give you no better illustration of the success achieved than that given in our record of 1888, which is as follows :—

We have a population of about 43,000 and a valuation of over \$40,000,000, and during the year we had eighty-six fires, entailing a loss of only \$8,832.61, making the average loss \$102.67, which we attribute solely to the splendid work performed by our chemicals.

At only seven fires was water used, and at only two were steamers called into service, viz., the Shoddy Mill and Ennealling Works, caused by a naphtha explosion which totally demolished the building.

At fires in two dwellings, two stables and one bakery, water from our hydrant service was used. All others handled by the chemicals alone.

So far this year not a drop of water has been used. Show me a better record, and I will try and break this.

(Signed) L. T. MERRILL,
Chief Engineer.

Your committee are not now prepared to urge the immediate purchase of a chemical engine unless a second-hand one such as they have in mind can be had at a bargain, nor until the town can provide for its care and use. A small one but little used can be bought for \$300 now, that cost over \$600.

We find that what, in our opinion, the town needs, would cost say \$2,300 figured in this way:—

1. Three one-horse fire trucks, at \$500	\$1,500
2. Incidental expenses, say	200
3. For second-hand chemical engine (perhaps),	300
4. Purchase of Johnson pumps, chemical fire pails, fire extinguishers, etc., say	300
Total	<u>\$2,300</u>

This last-named item is suggested as only a temporary expenditure, and has for its purpose the purchase by the town at reduced rates, so that it may sell to the individual at lowest possible price, and thus encourage their use.

F. H. HASTINGS.
ALONZO S. FISKE.
GEO. W. CUTTING.
ANDREW FISKE.
SAMUEL H. WARREN.
BENJ. L. YOUNG.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

SCHOOLS.

Appropriation	\$5,400 00
Massachusetts School Fund	161 69
B. J. Hinds, principal of High School, \$1,200 00	
Elizabeth S. White, assistant, High School	178 38
Clementine A. Sheldon, assistant, High School	304 13
M. Eva Warren, Intermediate School,	528 60
F. W. Alber, substitute Intermediate School	10 00
Susie E. Cutter, Primary School No. 1	424 77
Lura A. Dunn, Primary School No. 2,	399 99
Lilly I. Dunn, Primary School No. 3,	399 99
Anna C. Coburn, Primary School No. 4	549 99
Ruby Tucker, assistant, Primary School No. 4	50 00
Lizzie J. Viles, Primary School No. 5,	450 00
E. Agnes Parker, Primary School No. 6	399 96
Charles E. Boyd, music	250 00
George E. Morris, drawing	249 99
Amount of School Fund transferred to school incidentals	28 61
	5,424 41
Balance unexpended	\$137 28

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Amount transferred from School Fund	28 61	
George H. Stratton, wood	62 25	
M. L. Upham, wood	84 00	
E. L. Bemis, wood	61 00	
E. L. Bemis, labor, as per bill	32 65	
Charles Emerson, coal for High School	122 37	
F. T. Fuller, labor and stock, as per bill	29 85	
F. A. Robinson, labor and stock, as per bill	2 00	
Daniel Smith, labor and stock, as per bill	25 15	
J. S. Gould, labor and stock, as per bill	62 07	
M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	19 12	
A. J. Roberts, labor, as per bill	5 00	
J. H. Hussey, labor, as per bill	12 25	
B. F. Greene, labor, as per bill	4 50	
F. H. Upham, sundry persons, for labor	29 50	
F. H. Upham, sundry persons, care of rooms, spring term	24 00	
F. H. Upham, sundry persons, care of rooms, fall term	24 00	
F. H. Upham, express	8 00	
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	<i>\$607 71</i>	<i>\$1,528 61</i>

<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$607 71	\$1,528 61
M. French, janitor High School, spring term	60 00	
M. French, janitor High School, fall term	60 00	
M. French, phosphate	1 75	
Geo. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for schools	41 69	
Geo. S. Perry, articles for schools . .	2 50	
A. G. Whitcomb, articles for schools,	35 88	
J. L. Hammett, articles for schools . .	2 50	
Boston School Supply Company, articles for schools	25 00	
B. J. Hinds, articles for High School,	5 85	
C. E. Boyd, articles for High School,	85	
N. Smith, care of primary rooms, winter term	25 00	
Lillian B. Littlefield, copying school records	7 00	
E. H. Atwood, express	9 55	
Curtis Robinson, locating well . . .	3 00	
E. McAllister, labor and stock at High School building	344 87	
E. McAllister, labor and stock at primary schools, as per contract . .	123 75	
E. B. Olmstead, curtains	31 50	
Smith & Anthony, repairing furnace,	5 21	
Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance Company, insurance on High School building	67 50	
Home Insurance Company, insurance on High School building	67 50	
	—————	\$1,528 61

TEXT BOOKS.

Appropriation		\$500 00
1890.		
March.	Silver, Burdett & Co., text-books	\$5 20
	Iverson, Blakeman & Co., text-books	7 82
	William Ware & Co., text-books	22 00
	Harrison Hume, text-books,	36 30
April.	Harrison Hume, text-books,	5 92
	Leach, Shewall & Sanborn, text-books	18 75
	Lee & Shepard, text-books,	4 32
	Prang Educational Supply Company, text-books	3 36
	Silver, Burdett & Co., text-books	3 67
	A. S. Barnes & Co., text-books	21 70
	Boston School Supply Company	51 65
	William Ware & Co., text-books	4 00
	Chas. E. Boyd, text-books,	10 40
	E. S. Ball, text-books	3 00
June.	George H. Ellis, text-books,	16 75
	D. C. Heath & Co., text-books	43 60
	Harrison Hume, text-books,	5 40
<i>Amounts carried forward</i>		<u>\$263 84 \$500 00</u>

	<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$263 84	\$500 00
June.	E. H. Butler & Co., text-books	20 49	
	Harper & Brother, text-books	23 54	
Oct.	Educational supply Company, text-books	18 58	
	Harrison Hume, text-books,	9 67	
	Boston School Supply Company, text-books	14 60	
	Houghton, Mifflin & Co., text-books	5 74	
	D. Heath & Co., text-books,	3 96	
	Silver, Burdett & Co., text-books	4 64	
Nov.	Leach, Shewall & Co., text-books	3 75	
	Ginn & Co., text-books	6 67	
	Lee & Shepard, text-books	5 00	
	Wm. Ware & Co., text-books	58	
	George S. Perry, text-books	8 97	
	American Book Company, text-books	6 34	
	E. S. Ritchie & Sons, text-books	6 84	
1891.			
Jan.	Boston School Supply Company, text-books	62 28	
Feb.	E. H. Butler, text-books	1 92	
	<i>Amounts carried forward . . .</i>	\$467 41	\$500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> . . .	\$467 41	\$500 00
Feb. Leach, Shewall & Sanborn,		
text-books . . .	3 00	
Lee & Shepard, text-books .	9 34	
Harrison Hume, text-books,	10 15	
	<hr/>	489 90
Balance unexpended		\$10 10

TOWN INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00	
E. A. Jones, printing town reports .	\$85 80	
Free Press, printing	9 00	
E. S. Barry, printing	9 25	
Thomas Todd, printing	9 50	
A. Mudge & Son, printing	16 15	
Houghton, Mifflin & Co., printing .	2 75	
A. L. Coburn, sundry persons, dis-		
tributing notices of town meetings,	9 00	
A. L. Coburn, sundry items	4 43	
N. Barker, Jr., services as constable,	82 10	
James Smith, services as police . .	55 25	
Wm. H. Mead, services as police . .	21 00	
M. French, services as police	15 00	
Wm. Seaverns, services as police . .	1 00	
T. E. Coburn, services as forest fire		
ward	17 00	
Second District Court of Eastern		
Middlesex, fire inquest	16 95	
F. T. Groll, services at fire inquest .	60 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$414 18	\$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i> . .	\$414 18	\$1,200 00
F. Gowell, watching fire . . .	12 00	
J. L. Fairbanks, record book . .	7 50	
George W. Cutting & Sons, articles for Town Hall and library . .	50 82	
Lloyd Brothers, carpet lining for li- brary	7 60	
F. R. Williams, tuning piano . .	2 50	
Town of Lincoln, tax	6 84	
J. L. Fairbanks, articles for Select- men	1 50	
Committee on Memorial Day . .	71 70	
J. Hinman, articles for fire extin- guishers	6 00	
McAlister & Upham, services as un- dertakers	8 00	
D. Smith, labor and stock for Town Hall and library	9 65	
D. Smith, articles for Town Hall and library	5 95	
J. S. Gould, labor and stock . .	8 54	
W. N. Gowell, labor and stock . .	24 40	
F. T. Fuller, labor and stock . .	4 21	
E. L. Benis, labor	4 00	
Frank Cullen, services as night watchman	2 50	
Edward Peirce, wood for Town House	11 00	
Charles Emerson, coal for Town House	14 83	
E. W. Russell, painting in library .	2 00	
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i> . .	\$675 72	\$1,200 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$675 72	\$1,200 00
E. W. Bowditch, tracing town maps	25 00	
J. H. Hussey, labor	16 83	
F. H. Kerwin, articles for pumps	13 60	
H. J. White, stationery and postage,	6 10	
A. S. Fiske, sundry items for assessors	6 25	
A. S. Fiske, examining corporation and bank tax	5 00	
Theodore Jones, care of town block	25 00	
Theodore Jones, sundry items	8 75	
George W. Cutting, sundry items	6 47	
McAlister & Upham, returns of deaths	3 00	
Mary F. Peirce, work on town records	200 00	
Heliotype Printing Company, 1,000 maps of Weston	50 00	
L. A. Gammons, furnace for Town House	104 70	
	<hr/>	1,146 42
Balance unexpended		\$53 58

HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation \$4,500 00

1890.

March. B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill \$102 25
 T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill, for December, 1889, 65 35

Amounts carried forward \$167 60 \$4,500 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$167 60	\$4,500 00
April.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill, on Merriam Street . . .	59 50	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	237 75	
	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	193 25	
May.	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	43 12	
	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	245 00	
	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	123 85	
June.	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	228 21	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	141 12	
	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	198 82	
	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	79 25	
July.	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	112 57	
	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	135 75	
	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	198 87	
	J. H. Hussey, labor, as per bill	108 75	
Aug.	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	60 71	
	<i>Amounts carried forward . . .</i>	\$2,334 12	\$4,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$2,334 12	\$4,500 00
Aug.	David Jackson, labor, as per bill	39 13	
Sept.	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	56 25	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	107 75	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill, on Merriam Street .	240 75	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill, on Elm Street .	197 50	
	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	53 82	
	J. H. Hussey, labor, as per bill	9 50	
	L. E. Roberts, labor, as per bill	34 00	
	P. C. Barker, labor, as per bill	71 93	
Oct.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	11 37	
	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	54 94	
	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	285 00	
	C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	47 88	
	J. H. Hussey, labor, as per bill	64 87	
Nov.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	119 50	
<i>Amounts carried forward .</i>		\$3,728 31	\$4,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$3,728 31	\$4,500 00
Dec.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	100 15	
	J. H. Hussey, labor, as per bill	7 00	
1891.			
Jan.	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	5 75	
	A. M. Loker, labor, as per bill	5 75	
	J. H. Gould, labor, as per bill	10 63	
	D. O. Donnell, labor, as per bill	7 75	

INCIDENTALS.

B. F. Cutter, articles for highways	30 90	
M. L. Upham, articles for highways	6 12	
T. E. Coburn, articles for highways	12 25	
G. W. Cutting & Sons, articles for highways	21 60	
George H. Sampson, articles for highways	39 00	
J. Pulsifer, articles for highways	9 50	
Parker & Wood, articles for highways	14 20	

Amounts carried forward . . \$3,998 91 \$4,500 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$3,998 91	\$4,500 00
E. W. Russell, painting	5 00	
F. W. Mead, crushed stone	120 90	
F. W. Mead, covering stone	27 75	
Buttrick Lumber Company, lumber	106 22	
J. G. Graham, repairing tools	65 07	
T. Garfield, repairing tools	4 50	
D. J. O'Donnell, repairing tools	8 55	
A. S. Fiske, gravel	17 95	
George W. Dunn, gravel	18 60	
George F. Jones, gravel	15 00	
Estate of S. Leadbetter, gravel	20 00	
S. F. Clarke, gravel	15 00	
Mrs. Holbrook, gravel	35 00	
Miss S. Hagar, gravel	2 00	
J. McAuliffe, gravel	39 40	
	<hr/>	4,499 85
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$0 15

SIDEWALKS.

Aproportionation	\$500 00
1890.	
April. B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	44 25
May. C. A. Warren, labor, as per bill	24 75
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	\$69 00
	<hr/> \$500 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward . . .</i>	\$69 00	\$500 00
July.	M. L. Upham, labor, as per bill	39 75	
Aug.	B. F. Cutter, labor, as per bill	34 19	
Nov.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	68 00	
Dec.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	191 64	
	A. S. Fiske, gravel	6 82	
1891.			
Jan.	T. E. Coburn, labor, as per bill	7 00	
	G. F. Frost, lumber for highways	12 32	
Feb.	F. A. Robinson, labor, and stock, as per bill	44 40	
	B. F. Cutter, snow bill	10 97	
	M. L. Upham, snow bill	11 60	
		<hr/>	495 69
	Balance unexpended		\$4 31

EAST NEWTON STREET.

	Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
1890.			
June.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	\$20 50	
Sept.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	25 62	
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	<i>Amounts carried forward . . .</i>	\$46 12	\$2,000 00

	<i>Amounts brought forward . .</i>	\$46 12	\$2,000 00
Sept.	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill	67 99	
Oct.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	38 50	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill	35 68	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	42 00	
Nov.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	55 00	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill	121 59	
Dec.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	226 87	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill	177 31	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	9 50	
	P. C. Barker, labor as per bill	38 90	
1891.			
Jan.	B. F. Cutter, labor as per bill	101 50	
	C. A. Warren, labor as per bill	36 75	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	9 50	
	R. Green, labor as per bill	11 25	
	I. Lovewell, labor as per bill	10 00	
	D. O. Donnell, labor as per bill	4 85	
	<i>Amounts carried forward . .</i>	<u>\$1,033 31</u>	<u>\$2,000 00</u>

Amounts brought forward . . \$1,033 31 \$2,000 00

INCIDENTALS.

B. F. Cutter, articles for East Newton

Street	56 90	
C. A. Cole, labor and stock	29 83	
Wm. Reed, covering stones	41 76	
Fitchburg Railroad, freight	25 38	
Buttrick Lumber Company, lumber	39 63	
Manly Seaverns, land damages	100 00	
Stanley Seaverns, land damages	100 00	
	<hr/>	1,426 81
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$573 19

CENTRAL AVENUE.

Appropriation \$5,000 00

1890.

April.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	\$228 37
May.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	57 50
June.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	256 63
July.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	422 50
Oct.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	311 50

Amounts carried forward . . \$1,276 50 \$5,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward .</i>		\$1,276 50	\$5,000 00
Nov.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	317 25	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill	127 25	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	353 11	
Dec.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	243 63	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	469 93	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill	28 50	
	W. F. Sherburn, labor as per bill	55 94	
1891.			
Jan.	M. L. Upham, labor as per bill	233 99	
	T. E. Coburn, labor as per bill	9 50	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill	61 90	
	J. H. Hussey, labor as per contract	100 00	

INCIDENTALS.

F. W. Mead, crushed stone	267 30	
George H. Sampson, articles for Central Avenue	48 60	
Buttrick Lumber Company lumber	25 35	

Amounts carried forward . . \$3,618 75 \$5,000 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$3,618 75	\$5,000 00
George A. Hurtle, repairing tools	10 15	
John Warren, gravel	42 36	
Robert Winsor, gravel	3 80	
Charles Jones, gravel	8 96	
John McAuliffe, gravel	35 40	
	<hr/>	3,719 42
Balance unexpended		\$1,280 58

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation	\$800 00
George A. Robinson, care of lights	\$25 00
Morton Russell, care of lights	48 00
George H. Jones, care of lights	12 00
P. McAuliffe, care of lights	189 20
H. Seaverns, care of lights	12 00
H. Seaverns, labor and stock	5 00
A. H. Hews & Co., articles for street lights	37 75
Globe Gas Light Company, articles for street lights	22 30
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight	25
Committee, sundry persons, care of lights on North Avenue	101 00
Committee, sundry items	5 00
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	457 50
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	\$342 50

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation	\$1,600 00
Arthur L. Coburn, Selectman	\$75 00
Henry J. Jennison, "	50 00
Francis Blake, "	50 00
A. S. Fiske, Assessor	100 00
F. H. Upham, "	38 00
M. M. Fiske, "	38 00
C. F. Russell, School Com.	50 00
N. Smith, "	50 00
F. H. Upham, "	50 00
George W. Cutting, Town Clerk	150 00
John Colburn, Librarian	300 00
H. J. White, Treas. and Collector	500 00
H. A. Train, Auditor	50 00
Arthur L. Coburn, Overseer of Poor,	15 00
Henry J. Jennison, " "	15 00
Francis Blake, " "	15 00
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	1,546 00
Balance unexpended	\$54 00

CEMETERIES.

Appropriation	\$800 00
L. F. Upham, superintending and labor, as per bill	\$134 51
R. W. Stuart, labor, as per bill	67 44
B. Pierce, labor, as per bill	24 84
E. L. Bemis, labor, as per bill	46 22
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<i>Amounts carried forward</i>	<i>\$273 01</i>
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	\$800 00

<i>Amounts brought forward</i>	\$273 01	\$800 00
F. A. Robinson, labor and stock	8 53	
John Poutas, granite	49 00	
F. W. Upham, civil engineer	6 00	
H. Seaverns, plants	10 00	
A. B. Nims, articles for cemeteries	9 90	
C. L. Keefe, fertilizer	1 75	
Trustees	15 00	
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Balance unexpended \$426 81

(For items, see Trustees' Report.)

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Overseers of Poor, support at Alms- house	\$197 23
Overseers of Poor, Outside Relief	448 18
Soldiers' Relief	206 26
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	851 67

Balance unexpended \$348 33

(For items, see Overseers' Report.)

INTEREST ON TOWN DEBT.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Amount	\$622 73
Amount transferred to discount and abatements	312 68
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	935 41

Balance unexpended \$64 59

DISCOUNT AND ABATEMENTS.

Appropriation	\$800 00
Amount transferred from interest	312 68
Amount	\$1,112 68
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LIBRARY.

Appropriation, Dog Tax	\$304 57
Dog Tax refunded	\$304 57
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COMMITTEE FOR PLANS FOR LIBRARY BUILDING.

Appropriation	\$250 00
Cabot, Everett & Mead, plans for the library building	\$200 00
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Balance unexpended	\$50 00

COMMITTEE FOR A SITE FOR A LIBRARY BUILDING.

Appropriation	\$500 00
Aspinwall & Lincoln, civil engineers and landscape architects	\$25 00
	<hr/> 25 00
Balance unexpended	\$475 00

EXTENSION OF HIGH SCHOOL GROUNDS.

Appropriation, balance unexpended from		
1889		\$39 90
H. Gates, labor as per bill	\$3 70	
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Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$36 20

FLAG STAFF.

Appropriation		\$225 00
H. Pigeon & Sons, flag staff . . .	\$151 00	
D. Cass, erecting flag staff . . .	45 17	
J. H. Hussey, labor as per bill . .	10 25	
	<hr/>	206 42
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$18 58

FIRE APPARATUS.

Appropriation		\$1,000 00
S. F. Hayward & Co., extinguishers,	\$280 00	
Boston Woven Hose Company, one		
hook and ladder truck	364 09	
S. A. Walker & Co., fire pails . .	4 50	
Burditt & Williams, Johnson's		
pumps	45 00	
E. L. Barry, printing	2 91	
F. H. Gowell, sundry items	16 67	
	<hr/>	713 17
Balance unexpended		<hr/> \$286 83

STATE AID.

Mrs. Harriet F. Stimpson	\$24 00
Mrs. Martha Tucker	48 00
Hosea F. Travis	48 00
Lemuel A. Smith	48 00
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					\$168 00

AUDITOR'S ACCOUNT WITH TREASURER AND COLLECTOR.

DR.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1890	\$1,782 02
Massachusetts Corporation Tax	7,340 94
Massachusetts Bank Tax	2,689 93
Massachusetts State Aid	168 00
Massachusetts School Fund	161 69
County Treasurer, Dog Tax refunded	275 59
Nathan Barker, Jr., Auctioneer's License	2 00
J. M. Smith, Janitor, balance for rent of Town	
Hall	21 50
Weighing fees	26 70
Sale of burial lots	169 00
Grass, wood, and care of lots	19 00
Fire extinguishers	161 52
Johnson's pumps	22 50
Lumber	58 86
Court fines	54 87
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans	8,200 00
Tax receipts for 1888	47 99
Tax receipts for 1889	1,217 41
Tax receipts for 1890	15,686 '92
Interest on taxes	40 48
Uncollected taxes for 1889	241 92
Uncollected taxes for 1890	1,334 40
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	\$39,723 24

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Schools	\$5,395 80
School incidentals	1,528 61
Town incidentals	1,146 42
Text books	489 90
Highways	4,499 85
Sidewalks	495 69
East Newton Street	1,426 81
Central Avenue	3,719 42
Street lights	457 50
Salaries of town officers	1,546 00
Cemeteries	373 19
Support of poor	851 67
Interest on town debt	622 73
Discount and abatements	1,112 68
Library	304 57
Committee for plans for Library building	200 00
Committee for site for Library Building	25 00
Extension of High School grounds	3 70
Flag staff	206 42
Fire apparatus	713 17
State aid	168 00
Sundry amounts paid by Treasurer	58 33
Waltham National Bank Loans	6,200 00
State tax	2,152 50
County tax	1,980 48
Cash in treasury	2,468 48
Uncollected taxes, March 1, 1891	1,576 32
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	\$39,723 24

DEBT OF THE TOWN.

Mary F. Peirce	\$1,000 00
Edward Peirce	1,000 00
Abigail Jones	800 00
First Parish, Weston	400 00
Trustees of Library Fund	1,400 00
Trustees of Merriam Fund for the Silent Poor	3,208 00
Marshall L. Hews	750 00
Burial Fund	362 00
Waltham National Bank, stone bridge loan	4,000 00
Waltham National Bank, Central Avenue loan	2,000 00
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	\$14,920 00

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in treasury	\$2,468 48
Uncollected taxes	1,576 32
State aid	168 00
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	4,212 80
Total debt	\$10,707 20

ASSESSORS' VALUATION, MAY 1, 1890.

Value of real estate	\$1,236,750 00
Value of personal estate	987,633 00
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Total valuation	\$2,224,383 00
Total tax	\$17,021 56

RATE PER CENT.

State tax on property	\$0 75 per \$1,000
County	65 " "
Town	5 80 " "
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Total	\$7 20

Number of persons assessed on property	340
Polls	503
Horses	449
Cows	961
Neat cattle	97
Sheep	3
Swine	326
Dwellings	302
Acres taxed	10,573 $\frac{1}{8}$

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN A. TRAIN, *Auditor*.

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1891.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT
OF THE
MERRIAM FUND FOR THE SILENT POOR.

DR.

Balance in treasury March 1, 1890	\$356 74
Interest from fund	192 48
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	\$549 22

CR.

Paid trustee's orders	\$235 00
Balance unexpended	314 22
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	\$549 22

HENRY J. WHITE,
Treasurer.

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1891.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Library Committee respectfully submit the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1891 :—

Books purchased	231
Books presented	29
Number taken out during the year	8,537

Donations of books and pamphlets have been received from the following sources : Mrs. C. J. Paine, Mrs. D. S. Lamson, Gen. C. J. Paine, Mr. Francis Blake, Mrs. C. T. Hubbard, Rev. W. E. Griffis, Hon. C. T. Hoar, Mrs. W. G. Veazey, Mr. William Jones, Mr. Herbert Merriam, Mr. W. H. Hamilton, Mr. Increase Leadbetter, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of the Treasury, Secretary of the Interior, Bureau of Education, Boston Public Library, Harvard College Library, Lancaster Public Library, American Unitarian Association, and the publishers of the "Waltham Free Press."

We have received a donation of sixty-five dollars from Mr. Francis Blake, the same being the amount received by him from the town for his services as Selectman and Overseer of the Poor. It is to be expended, in accordance with Mr. Blake's suggestion, for works of reference.

Money has been expended by the committee as follows :—

For books and periodicals	\$296 02
Binding	17 45
Expressage and items for library	7 15
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Total expenditure	\$320 62

For full financial exhibit see Treasurer's report.

The library now contains between eight thousand and nine thousand volumes. The books are, on the average, in good condition. No books have, as far as we know, been lost during the year.

The Committee endeavors to select the best books from the various departments of literature, but many meritorious works which it might be desirable to have, may escape their notice. The reading public may therefore often be able to render a good service by calling the attention of the Committee to such books. Although there may sometimes be good reasons for rejecting a book which at first thought it might seem desirable to have, — for instance, a book may be too technical for general reading, or it may be too costly, or the library may already have as good or better works on the same subject, or it may be thought that a book will not find readers enough to justify its purchase, — nevertheless, all suggestions from patrons of the library, whether in regard to the purchase of books or in respect to the management of the library, by which it is thought that its usefulness may be increased, will receive the most careful consideration of the Committee.

All communications must, in order to insure attention, be signed.

OLIVER R. ROBBINS,
HORACE S. SEARS,
ELIZABETH S. GOWING,
Library Committee.

LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

Balance on hand, March 1, 1890	\$19 91
Interest from library fund	84 00
From Town Treasury, Dog Tax	304 57
From library fines	2 05
From Francis Blake, for books of reference	65 00
	<hr/> \$475 53

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Paid Estes & Lauriat, books	\$262 02
Phelps Publishing Co., New England	
Homestead	3 00
J. D. F. Brooks, to binding magazines	17 45
J. W. Lewis & Co., 3 vols. History of	
Middlesex County	25 00
E. Hames & Co., magazines	4 00
O. R. Robbins, to expressage, postage and	
stationery	2 39
Orange, Judd & Co., American Agricultur-	
ist	2 00
John Coburn, items for library	1 86
E. H. Atwood, expressage	2 90
Balance in Treasury	154 91
	<hr/> \$475 53

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON² Feb. 28, 1891.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DR.

Balance in treasury, March 1, 1890	\$1,782 02
Rent of town hall	\$161 50
Paid janitor of town hall	140 00
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	21 50
Weighing fees	26 70
Sale of burial lots	169 00
Sale of grass and wood, and care of lots	19 00
Auctioneer's license	2 00
Sale of fire extinguishers	161 52
Sale of Johnson's pumps	22 50
Sale of lumber	58 86
Court fines	54 87
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans	8,200 00
County of Middlesex, dog tax refunded	275 59
State of Massachusetts, income from school fund,	161 69
State of Massachusetts, corporation tax	7,340 94
State of Massachusetts, National bank tax	2,689 93
State of Massachusetts, State aid refunded	168 00
Henry J. White, collector taxes of 1888	47 99
Henry J. White, collector taxes of 1889	1,217 41
Henry J. White, collector taxes of 1890	15,686 92
Henry J. White, collector interest on taxes	40 48
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	\$38,146 92

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Paid State of Massachusetts, State tax . . .	\$2,152 50
County of Middlesex, County tax . . .	1,980 48
Waltham National Bank, temporary loans .	6,200 00
Sundry persons, selectmen's orders . . .	25,287 13
Sundry amounts	58 33
Balance in treasury	2,468 48
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	\$38,146 92

HENRY J. WHITE, *Treasurer.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1891.

TAXES UNCOLLECTED.

Tax of 1889	\$241 92
Tax of 1890	1,334 40
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	\$1,576 32

HENRY J. WHITE, *Collector.*

WESTON, Feb. 28, 1891.

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BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF WESTON.

By-Laws of the Town of Weston, in the County of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, adopted at a Town meeting, April 3, 1882, as approved by the Superior Court, begun and holden at Cambridge, in said County, on the first Monday of June, 1882, to wit, June 14, 1882.

1. Notice of every Town meeting shall be given by posting a copy of the warrant therefor in three or more public places in the Town at least seven days before the time appointed for such meeting. Such further notice of any Town meeting may be given as the Selectmen deem proper. In case of the adjournment of any Town meeting from one day to another, the Town Clerk shall cause notice of the time and place of holding such adjourned meeting to be posted at the Post Office, which notice shall state the business to come before such adjourned meeting.

2. The Town Clerk shall attend punctually at the time and place appointed for any Town meeting, and, as soon as twelve voters are present, call the meeting to order, and proceed forthwith to read the warrant for the meeting, and the return of the person or persons who notified it; and if it appears to him that said meeting was legally called and notified, he shall then call upon the voters present to bring in their votes for a Moderator (if one be required at said meeting), and he shall preside until a Moderator is chosen, and assumes the office.

* 3. No action shall be had at any Town meeting, on the report of any Committee previously chosen to report on any matter involving the expenditure of money, unless the same shall be specially notified in the warrant calling such meeting.

4. No vote fixing the period for closing a ballot shall be reconsidered after said ballot shall have begun; but an extension of the time may be had by vote without reconsideration.

5. No vote involving the expenditure of any sum of money exceeding one hundred dollars shall be reconsidered at the same meeting at which it is passed, unless public notice of the intention to move such reconsideration be given within thirty minutes of the passage of such vote. The Clerk shall note in writing the time of the passage of such vote, and also the time when the notice of reconsideration is given.

6. Every motion or order which is of a complicated nature, or of unusual length, shall be reduced to writing, and all other motions at the pleasure of the presiding officer.

7. The powers and duties of the presiding officer, not specially provided for by law, or by the By-Laws, shall be determined by the rules of practice contained in Cushing's Manual, so far as they are adapted to the conditions and powers of the Town.

8. The financial year shall begin on the first day of March, and end on the last day of February following.

9. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the third or fourth Monday of March in each year, at such time and place as the Selectmen may appoint.

10. The Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Auditor (if any), Treasurer and Collector, with such other Boards of Town Officers, or Committees of the Town

as may be deemed expedient, shall report annually all matters pertaining to their several departments relating to the general interest and welfare of the Town. The Selectmen shall also report an estimate of the sums of money needed to defray the necessary charges and expenditures of the Town for the ensuing year. The Selectmen shall cause the several reports, together with a copy of their warrant calling the Annual Meeting in March, to be printed, and a copy of the same to be left at the residence of every voter in Town (if known), two days, at least, before the time appointed for said Annual Meeting.

11. The Selectmen shall hold regular business meetings, of which due notice shall be given.

12. All bills against the Town shall be made out in detail with the proper date for each item, and shall be approved by a majority of the Board contracting said bill, and shall be presented to the Auditor, if any; if none, to the Selectmen for examination and approval; and the Treasurer shall not be required to pay within forty-eight hours after such presentation and approval.

13. The Selectmen shall at least once in every six months, and as much oftener as they think proper, examine thoroughly the books of the Treasurer, and ascertain the condition of the Treasury.

14. A discount of five per cent shall be made and allowed on all taxes paid on or before October 15th in each year. All taxes shall become due and payable February 1st of the year next succeeding the assessment thereof, and interest at the legal rate per annum shall be added to all taxes then unpaid; and all real estate on which taxes remain unpaid the first day of the following August, shall be sold by the Collector according to law. The Collector shall cause this section to be printed upon all tax bills.

15. The balance of any appropriation remaining after the object for which the money was appropriated has been accomplished, shall be covered into the Treasury, and shall be liable for any draft of the Selectmen for Contingencies.

16. No money of the Town shall be paid from the Treasury, except upon approved bills by, or written orders of, the Selectmen or a majority thereof.

17. The Town Treasurer shall not borrow any money on behalf of the Town upon any promissory note, executed by him, as such Treasurer, unless said note is first countersigned by the Selectmen.

18. All Boards of standing Town Officers shall cause records of their doings and accounts to be kept in suitable books; the person having charge of the same shall transmit them to his successor in office. Whenever any vote affecting the duties of any Town officers is passed, the Clerk shall transmit a copy of the same to such officer or officers, who shall enter it upon the records of the Board.

19. No person shall pasture cattle or other animals, without a keeper, in or upon any of the streets or ways of the Town, and in no event without first obtaining the consent of the owner or occupant of the adjoining land.

20. No member of the Board of Selectmen, or any officer appointed by the legal voters of the Town, authorized to make any contracts or agreements in behalf of the Town for labor, materials, goods, wares or merchandise furnished to the Town, or for a loan of money, shall be interested in a private capacity, either directly or indirectly, in such contracts, agreements, or loan, nor shall either directly or indirectly, for himself or for any other person, receive any commission, discount, bonus, present or reward from the persons making such sale, loan, contract or agreement for furnishing such goods, wares, merchandise or money.

21. Whenever any new street shall have been laid out or the direction of an old one altered, by the Selectmen or Road Commissioners, and accepted and allowed by the Town, no entry for the purpose of constructing such way or any part thereof shall be made until all claims for damages by reason thereof, shall have been finally adjusted or determined, unless such entry shall be authorized by special vote of the Town.

22. No person shall throw or kick any hand or foot ball in any of the streets of the Town in the vicinity of the Town House.

23. If any building shall be moved over or through any public street or square, the owner of such building and the persons moving the same shall be jointly and severally liable to the Town for all damages, costs, and expenses for which the Town may be liable, or which they may be compelled to pay in consequence of such removal, or of any obstruction, incumbrance or injury occasioned thereby.

24. No person shall place or cause to be placed in any public street or square, without a written license from the Road Commissioners, if any, if not, from the Selectmen, any rubbish, dirt, wood, timber or other material to obstruct or mar the appearance of the street or sidewalk.

25. No occupant of any house where there is, or has been recently, any case of small pox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, or other infectious or contagious disease, shall be permitted to attend any public school in the Town, until a certificate of a regular physician, that there is no longer danger of infection, is obtained, and presented to the teacher. The School Committee shall post or cause to be posted a copy of this section in every school-room of the Town.

26. No person shall behave himself or herself in a rude or disorderly manner, or use any indecent, profane or insult-

ing language in any public place in the Town, or near any dwelling-house, or other building therein, or be and remain upon any sidewalk, doorstep or other projection from any house or building, so as to annoy or disturb any person, or obstruct any passage to the same.

27. No person shall tie or fasten any horse, cattle or team to any of the trees planted in any public highway, street, or public lands of the Town, or drive into the same any nails, spikes, hooks or clasps, nor affix any boards thereto.

28. No person shall post, affix, or in any way attach, any poster, handbill, notice, advertisement or placard, or paint, draw or stamp any letter, notice, figure or advertisement, or mark upon or into, or otherwise deface any wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure not his own within the Town, without the permission of the owner of said wall, fence, post, tree, building or structure.

29. No person shall fire or discharge any gun, fowling piece, or fire-arms, on any street, way, or land of the Town, or on any private grounds except with the consent of the owner; provided, however, that this By-Law shall not apply to the use of such weapons at any military exercise or review, or in the lawful defence of the person and family or property of any citizen.

30. Every violation of the foregoing By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of not less than two dollars nor more than twenty dollars, and all penalties recovered for such violation shall be paid into the Treasury of the Town, to inure to such use as the Town shall from time to time direct.

Attest:

GEO. W. CUTTING,
Town Clerk of Weston.

*31. The Town Clerk, whenever he is officially advised of any proceedings which may result in the taking of private property for public use, shall cause a written notice of such proceedings to be left at the usual place of abode of the owner of said property. If the owner has no such place of abode in the Town, the Town Clerk shall cause the written notice to be mailed to his usual post-office address.

*32. No building shall be moved over a public street, without a written permit from the Road Commissioners, if any ; if not, from the Selectmen ; and no such permit shall be given when such removal will cause any destruction or injury to any tree or shrub standing in the street, or owned by any citizen, and projecting over the street, without first giving a public hearing.

* Adopted at the annual meeting held March 26, 1888.

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